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I wish all of these students, their teachers and parents continued success in their endeavors and I thank them for supporting and promoting the interest of young minds in science and technology.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill. (H.R. 2586) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes:

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Chairman, this amendment would extend the opportunity to vote in the November 2002 federal elections through the electronic voting system proposed by this bill to uniformed services personnel from the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia. These voters are from Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the District of Columbia who are currently serving away from their homes as active duty military personnel. The Department of Defense estimates that nearly 15,000 uniformed services personnel would become eligible to participate in the system as a result of this amendment. In addition, it would grant spouses and eligible dependents of these uniformed services personnel the ability to participate as well.

The voting system under this bill is intended to facilitate and demonstrate a more efficient and convenient system that would increase voter participation among U.S. military service personnel stationed around the world. My amendment allows access to this voting system for all eligible military personnel regardless of where they may be registered to vote.

I appreciate the support of Military Personnel Subcommittee Chairman McHugh and urge your support for my amendment, which protects and extends the voting rights of our men and women in uniform from the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia.

TRIBUTE TO CARDINAL HAYES HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Cardinal Hayes High School, a treasured Bronx learning institution that cele-

brated its 60th anniversary September 23, 2001.

Cardinal Hayes High School was built and organized by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman between September of 1940 and September of 1941. Its original student body consisted of over 3000 students who attended this institution in the original building, now deemed the Main Building on the small, elegant campus.

Mr. Speaker, Cardinal Hayes High School has consistently provided exceptional academic and religious guidance for generations of young men from the Bronx and Manhattan. This unique school has been staffed since its beginning by Archdiocesan Priests, Irish Christian Brothers, De La Salle Brothers, Franciscan Brothers and Priests, Marist Brothers, Xaverian brothers, Religious Sisters and scores of dedicated laymen and laywomen. Current members of this devoted staff are responsible for a 99 percent graduation rate. 96 percent of all Cardinal Hayes High School students go on to study at a college or university.

It must be noted also that Cardinal Hayes High School is one of a just few schools in the New York metropolitan area operating as a Cisco Networking Academy. This accreditation allows the school to provide a two-year course of study that prepares students for CCNA certification. CCNA (Cisco Certified Network Associate) is a highly-regarded certification of networking and internetworking skills.

Mr. Speaker, young men from all walks of life make up the Cardinal Hayes student body. These young men learn, work, play, and worship with one another while providing mutual support and comradery as well. I take pride in saying that my son, Jose, graduated from Cardinal Hayes and remembers his high school alma mater fondly.

I am very proud to acknowledge this learning institution that has produced so many upstanding men that have, no doubt, gone on to benefit society. I ask my colleagues to please join me in celebrating 60 years of first-rate academic, social, and spiritual instruction in the heart of the Bronx at CHHS.

RECOGNIZING MS. JULIE ANN CRIPE

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ms. Julie Ann Cripe on being named Chairperson of the Board of Financial Women International, at the 79th Annual meeting being held in Williamsburg, Virginia, the week of September 22, 2001.

Financial Women International (FWI) is a professional association of women working together to achieve success in the financial services industry. Since its creation, Financial Women International has worked to empower women in all segments of the financial industry to attain their professional, economic, and personal goals. The association consists of more than 8,000 members representing the United States, Canada, Russia, Japan, and Mexico.

Ms. Cripe has been active in FWI since 1979, serving as President on the local and state levels before accepting positions at the international level. Aside from her work with the association, Ms. Cripe is currently President and Director of OMNIBANK, N.A., where under her leadership the bank has grown rapidly to become one of the largest locally owned banks in Houston. Ms. Cripe has worked closely with the development of Small Business Administration loans at OMNIBANK, most recently closing a \$25 million dollar loan on a chemical plant in Sherman, Texas.

Along with serving as President and Director of OMNIBANK, N.A., Ms. Cripe has been very active in the Texas Bankers Association and the American Banking Association, particularly serving on the legislative and education committees. Presently, Ms. Cripe serves on the Board of the Education Foundation for the American Banking Association, and was an excellent spokesperson for the home equity bill.

Ms. Cripe has been an exceptional leader in the community, earning the respect of her peers and associates in the business and civic communities. She has contributed to the betterment of the Houston area, by serving on committees at St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, M. D. Anderson Cancer Research Center, and the March of Dimes.

Again, I would like to take this time to congratulate Ms. Julie Ann Cripe on becoming Chairperson of the Board of Financial Women International and wish her continued success.

HONORING CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE CENTER'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest congratulations to the Christian Health Care Center for its 90th anniversary of service and care to northern New Jersey. The Christian Health Care Center, located in the town of Wyckoff, offers care for the elderly as well as short and long-term mental health services. All of this is done in a wonderful environment, led by Christian principles. Founded in 1911 and currently under the outstanding leadership of President and CEO Doug Struyk, the Center has evolved into dynamic and caring organization with state-of-the-art facilities, serving the surrounding community for generations. This weekend, the Center will have the opportunity to celebrate its accomplishments and stories of the past 90 years.

The mission of the Christian Health Care Center speaks to the good work done at this facility. The Center provides a continuum of high quality services consistent with the Christian principles on which the institution was founded. Long term care and mental health care are offered, as well as residential living in a compassionate loving environment. The Center consists of a 251 bed skilled nursing home, a 40 unit supportive senior housing complex, a residential living facility and a psychiatric hospital. Recently, construction was